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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Assistant Secretary of Defense
(Research and Development)

SUBJECT: Information on Soviet BW Activities

Your interest in Soviet BW activities and your need for accurate and firm intelligence on this subject as expressed in your memorandum of 28 June are fully appreciated by the intelligence community. Continuing action is being taken to improve our knowledge on Soviet BW capabilities and intentions.

At the present time, the Scientific Estimates Committee is conducting a survey to determine the specific requirements for BW intelligence, the gaps in BW intelligence, and the steps which can be taken to improve the state of our knowledge in this field. The statement of your intelligence requirements will be helpful to the SEC in its review. Upon completion of the SEC survey, the Intelligence Advisory Committee will consider what actions can be taken in the light of our intelligence resources and the needs for other intelligence for national security purposes.

I will keep you informed as to the prospects for improving BW intelligence and of any new and significant BW information obtained by the intelligence community.

SIGNED

ALLEN W. DULLES
Director

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